No. 37 through Gauhati University has been approved;

(b) if so, the present status of the scheme; and

(c) the time by which the scheme is going to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[Translation]

Admission to Foreign Students in Colleges of Delhi University

2956. SHRI GANGA CHARAN RAJPUT : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether complaints of violating prescribed guidelines for admission to foreign students in different colleges of Delhi University have come to the notice of the Government;

(b) if so, the names of the foreign students, college-wise who have been given admission in violation of guidelines; and

(c) the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Training to Doctors on AIDS

2957. SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY :
KUMARI UMA BHARATI :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to provide training to doctors on AIDS:

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard; and

(d) the number of doctors to be imparted training under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. A module on Clinical Management has been developed in order to impart uniform training to the doctors on AIDS. The trainers have been trained by the Professors and Sr. Consultants from the major hospitals of the country.

(c) and (d). It has already been decided to train all doctors to improve their skills for management of AIDS cases. As of to-day. 11000 doctors have been trained. In the next phase, remaining doctors including General Practioner and Private practitioners will be trained.

[English]

Subsidy for New Vessels

2958. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Inland Waterways Authority of India gives subsidy on acquisition of new vessels;

(b) whether any amount has been paid to Kerala Shipping and Inland Navigation Corporation for last three years on account of it; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the last three years, an amount of Rs. 8,64,013/- was paid to Kerala Shipping and Inland Navigation Corporation towards subsidy.

(c) The subsidy claims of Kerala Shipping and Inland Navigation Corporation in respect of two vessels were not submitted in the manner prescribed. Hence payment could not be made.

[Translation]

World Bank Assistance for N.H. Projects

2959. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether several National Highway projects in the country for which financial assistance has been received from the World Bank are still under construction, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the total amount sanctioned by the World Bank for the construction of these projects, project-wise;

(c) the details of estimated cost of construction of each of these projects;

(d) whether several projects among them are running behind the schedule; and

(e) if so, the names thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) to (e). presently one loan amounting to US$ 306 million is under implementation with the financial assistance from World Bank. The details are given in Statement enclosed.

STATEMENT-I

Second National Highway Project under World Bank Loan

(Ln-3470-IN/CR 2365-IN)

Loan Amount : US $ 306 Million
Date of Signning : 18.06.1992
Date of Closing : June, 2001 Effective Date 31.08.1992 (Amount Rs. in Crores)

S. No.	State	NH. No.	Name of Project	Length in Km.	Sanctioned Cost (Rs. Crores)	Present Progress	Target Date of completion	Project running behind schedule & reasons therefor
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1.	Haryana	1	4-laning between Karnal & Ambala Km 132.88-212.16 (NH.1)	79.50	287.22	Works Commenced in Jan.1995 Progress-18%	July, 1998	
2.	Punjab	1	4-laning between Sirhind and Punjab/ Haryana Border KM 212.2 to 252.25 of NH-1	40.00	199.500	Works commenced in Jan.1995 progress-25%	July, 1998	
3.	Orissa	5	4-laning of Cuttack-Bhubaneswar Sectioin of NH-5 (Km.0.0 to 27.8)	27.80	218.41	Works commenced in Jan. 1995 progress-13%	August 1998	(i) Shifting of water mains (ii) Removal of encroachments and cutting trees
4.	Madhya Pradesh	3	(a) construction of Indore bypass, NH-3	31.40	73.44	Pre-construction activities in progress Tenders invited in Aug, 96.	December, 2000	Delay in implementation of (i) pre-construction activities. (ii) delay in aproval of fresh prequalification of contractors
			(b) 4-laning of Indore-Dewas Section of NH-3 (km.574.4 to 591.6)	18.20	29.53	Pre-construction activities in progress Tenders invited in Aug.96		
5.	Maharashtra	8	4-laning between Bassein Greek and Manor Km.439 to 497 (NH-8)	58.00	117.73	Pre-construction activities in progress Tenders invited in Aug.96.	December 2000	(i) Delay in project preparation (ii) Delay in acquisition of forest land and cutting of trees (iii) Delay in approval of fresh prequalification of contractors

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
6.	West-Bengal	2	4-Laning between Raniganj and West Bengal/Bihar Boardar Km.438.6 to 474.0 of NH-2	35.40	88.27	Pre-construction activities in progress. Teners are to be invited.	December. 2000	(i) Delay in project preparation and land acquisition (ii) Delay in finalisation R&R action plan as per World Bank guidelines
7.	Orissa	State Road	Construction of 6 damaged State Road Bridges in Ganjam District	-	32.5	Works commenced in March. 1994 Progress-65%	December. 1996	Due to unprecedented rains.
					290.3			

[English]

Road Development

2960. SHRI NITISH KUMAR : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "over Rs. 253.000 crore needed for road development: study" appearing in the 'Observer' dated May 22, 1996:

(b) if so, the details thereof: and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) This Ministry is primarily concerned with the development of National Highways only. As regards National Highways, it has been assessed that approximately an amount of Rs. 73.000 crores (at 1996 price level), would be needed for removal of deficiencies in the existing National Highway network. No such assessment has, however, been made for expansion of National Highway network due to severe resource constraints.

(c) Keeping in view the inadequate budgetary resources, Government have taken measures to involve private sector in the development and maintenance of National Highways.

[Translation]

Kendriya Vidyalaya in Azamgarh

2961. DR. BALIRAM : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to open a Kendriya Vidyalaya in Tehsil Lalganj of District Azamgarh in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) No. Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Issue of Passports in Mumbai

2962. SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI NAVINCHANDRA MEHTA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of passports issued in Mumbai and Delhi metropolitan cities after April, 1995:

(b) whether the Government are aware of the fact that even after police verification a lot of time is taken in issuing passports:

(c) whether the number of employees is not sufficient in the passport offices in Mumbai:

(d) if so, the details thereof:

(e) whether the Government propose to set up another branch of Passport Office in Mumbai: and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) The number of passports issued by Regional Passport Office, Mumbai and Regional Passport Office, Delhi from 1.4.95 to 31.7.96 are 306230 and 150583 respectively.

(b) Passports are normally issued on receipt of clear police verification reports or on expiry of four weeks from the date of making such a reference to the police whichever is earlier and on first come first served basis except in cases of emergency/urgency where passports are issued on out of turn basis on the strength of a verification Certificate issued by an authorised official and documentary evidence substantiating the